

Curriculum Vitae

Robin K. Taylor

Personal Details

Robin Klingender Taylor

British

Born 9.6.64, Hanover, Germany

Education

Oct 1983 - Jun 1987

BSc. (Hons.) Zoology - Dundee University upper second class (including three years of the BSc psychology program). Dundee, Scotland, UK.

Oct 1988 - Feb 1993

PhD. Psychology - Edinburgh University. Enhancing Athletic and Psychic Performances Through the Use of Imagery Based Mental Strategies. Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

Jan - Sept 2007

Postgraduate Certificate in Online and Distance Education. Open University, Milton Keynes, UK.

Related Employment

Oct 2004 - present

Manager of a research company [Oceanik Psi Ltd.](#), based in Suva, Fiji. This company undertakes research advisories/consultancies for various commercial, government and non-governmental organisations.

April 2008 - Nov 2008

Research employee of the Australia Fiji Community Justice Programme.

May 2006 - Nov 2006

Research consultant for the Australia Fiji Law & Justice Sector Programme.

July 2004 - June 2005

Fiji Department of Social Welfare Advisor on various impacts of new legislation proposed such as the Family Law Act, 2003, and changes to the Juvenile Act..

Jan 1994 - Jan 2003

Lecturer in Psychology at the Department of Education and Psychology, University of the South Pacific, Suva Fiji.

Consultancies in the Community

Founding member of the Raiwai Think Tank, a community empowering project that tries to be concerned with youth issues around the Raiwai Community, in Suva, a low income area which has traditionally had high crime rates associated with it.

Association with the Raiwai youth community has led to an invitation to the Suva City Council Crime Prevention Sub-Committee.

Advisor to the Fiji Prisons Service on issues surrounding rehabilitation and generic research skills sets.

Fiji Government Advisor to the CEO for Women, Social Welfare & Poverty Alleviation on the resource implications of the Fiji Family Law Act, 2003.

Research consultant for the AIDS Task Force Fiji, a 'non government organisation' dedicated to implementing effective community education on AIDS awareness.

Research Consultant for Wan Smolbag Theatre Company, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Research consultant for Fiji's National Road Safety Council, monitoring the effectiveness of their education program for primary school children.

Current Research

Evaluating Vanuatu's Theatre for Development Company Wan Smolbag on how they manage to achieve their effectiveness in the Pacific Communities. With a co-researcher we have currently done a selection of research techniques including qualitative (interviews and focus groups) and quantitative

Qualitative study on the perceived transition in the quality of life in Pacific Islanders. This involves a qualitative assessment of older (+60 years old) key informant interviews.

Previous Research/Consultancies

Research project with the Global Fund for AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis. The study involves extensive interviewing and a thematic analysis of the resultant interviews, to help guide media promotions of the social marketing of condom usage.

Part of a multi-disciplinary, inter-institution research team on the personal ecology of alcoholism and an epidemiological survey on substance abuse, suicide and violence in the Pacific region (organised through the University of Hawai'i).

Relevant Publications

Journals / Book Articles

Taylor, R. (1999) Conducting Parapsychological Research in Different Ethnic Cultures: Prospects, Problems and Solutions in Fiji. *International Journal of Parapsychology*, **11**, 43-67.

Taylor, R. (2005). Fiji's Move into the 21st Century. In A. Marsella, A. Aukahi Austin, & B. Grant (Eds.), *Social Change and Psychosocial Adaptation in the Pacific Islands: Cultures in Transition*. (pp. 107-31). New York: Springer.

Taylor, R., Gaskell, I., (2007) Turning up the volume: A study of the Wan Smolbag Theatre Company, *Journal of Language Teaching, Linguistics and Literature*, **13**, 13-28.

Taylor, R., Yavalanavanua S., (1997) Linguistic relativity in Fiji: A preliminary study. *South Pacific Journal of Psychology*, **9**, 69-74.

Gaskell, I. & Taylor, R. (2004). Getting the Message: Measuring Audience Response to Theatre for Development. *IDEA Journal/Applied Theatre Researcher*, 5. <http://www.gu.edu.au/centre/cpci/atr/>

Relevant Conference Presentations

- Taylor, R., & Gaskell, I. (2003). *Turning up the Volume*. Paper presented at the Hawai'i International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- Taylor, R. (1998) *Linguistic Relativity Theory in the Pacific*. Paper presented at the Linguistic Agency University of Duisburg, 1st - 4th April 1998.
- Taylor, R. (2007) *Raiwai Think Tank*. Paper presented at the Youth Justice Conference, Holiday Inn, Suva, Fiji, 28th November, 2007.
- Taylor, R., & Singh, N. (2005). *Measuring the Effectiveness of Social Marketing of Condom Usage in Fiji*. In 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (7th ICAAP), Kobe, Japan.
- Taylor, R., & Singh, N. (2005). *Establishing More Effective Social Marketing Strategies for Condom Usage in the Pacific*. In 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (7th ICAAP), Kobe, Japan.
- Taylor, R., & Singh, N. (2005). *Appraisal Systems in Peer Education Programmes in AIDS Awareness Campaigns*. Pan Pacific Regional HIV/AIDS Conference, Auckland, 25-28th October, 2005.
- Taylor, R., Naucukidi, S., Qereqeretabua, S., McAlpine, S. (2006) *Causes for Increasing Offenders in Fiji Prisons*. Paper presented at the Youth at Risk Conference, Holiday Inn, Suva, Fiji, 20th-24th November, 2006.
- Gaskell, I., & Taylor, R. (2003). *Delightful Instruction: Theatre for Development and the Art of Persuasion*. Paper presented at the Hawai'i International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Sheraton Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- Gaskell, I., & Taylor, R. K. (2003). *Getting the Message: Measuring audience response to theatre for development*. Paper presented at the Hawai'i International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Sheraton, Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Reports Focussed on Research in the Community

- Taylor, R., Monsell-Davis, M., (1997) Assessing Cultural Tension on Laucala Campus
Unpublished internal research report of the University of the South Pacific.
- Taylor R. (1997) Monitoring the Educational Effectiveness of the National Road Safety Council. Internal NRSC report. December, 1997.
- Taylor, R. (2000) Fiji and Education. Report submitted to Fiji's Education Commission 2000.

Taylor, R. (2004). The Family Law Act: Resourcing implications for social welfare. Internal Report for Fiji's Ministry of Women, Social Welfare and Poverty Alleviation. Available from <http://corrections.societyintransition.org/report3.pdf>

Taylor, R. (2006) Finding Causes for Increasing Offenders in Fiji Prisons. Report presented to the Australia Fiji Law & Justice Sector Program. Available from <http://corrections.societyintransition.org/finalreportapa-print.pdf>

Taylor, R. (2008). Evaluating Rehabilitation Programmes in the Fiji Corrections System. Report presented to the Australia Fiji Community Justice Program. Available from http://corrections.societyintransition.org/final_report_4-email.pdf

Miscellaneous

Professional Duties/Organisations

Founding member of the Oceanic Psychology Register (<http://www.oceaniapsychology.org>)

Graduate member of the *British Psychological Society*

Referees

Available on request.